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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) A method of forming a plastics material product including providing a plastics material member being a film web, fibre or filament and stretching said member beyond its yield point to decrease its thickness and increase its length, and partially relaxing said stretched plastics material member substantially uniformly across its cross-section transverse to the stretching direction by between 5 and 20% of its total stretched length to form said product whereby the plastics material member achieves either or both:

- (i) an improved resistance, which is uniform across the plastics material member's transverse width, to degradation from UV light radiation, and
- (ii) an improved resistance, which is uniform across the plastics material member's transverse width, to oxygen or other gas transmissivity.

3-4. (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 2, wherein said stretched plastics material member is relaxed by at least 10% of its total stretched length.

6. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 2, wherein after said partial relaxation, said plastics material member is fixed at said length whereby further relaxation is prevented.

7. (original) A method according to Claim 6, wherein said fixing of the length of said plastics material member is by removal of means through a process such as an annealing process.

8. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 2, wherein said plastics material member is a film web and said film is laminated with at least one other film of plastics or other material.

9. (currently amended) A plastics material member having a decreased oxygen permeability uniformly across a transverse cross-section of said plastics material member, said plastics material member being a film, fibre or filament, stretched beyond its yield point to decrease its thickness and increase its length, the transverse cross-section being transverse to the stretching direction, and said plastics material member being partially relaxed substantially uniformly across ~~its the transverse cross-section transverse to the stretching direction~~ by between 5 and 20% of ~~it's~~ the plastics material member's total stretched length.

10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) A plastics material member having an increased resistance to UV degradation uniformly across a transverse cross-section of said plastics material member, said plastics material member being a film, fibre or filament, stretched beyond its yield point to decrease its thickness and increase its length, the transverse cross-section being transverse to the stretching direction, and said plastics material member being partially relaxed substantially uniformly across the transverse cross-section ~~transverse to the stretching direction~~ by between 5 and 20% of ~~it's~~ the plastics material member's total stretched length.

12. (previously presented) A plastics material member according to Claim 9 or Claim 11, wherein the stretched plastics material member is relaxed by at least 10% of its total stretched length.

13-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A method of wrapping a material, object or objects, to create an anaerobic atmosphere within a wrapping envelope, said method including providing a relaxed plastics material film with a decreased oxygen permeability uniformly across a transverse cross-section of said film, said film being pre-stretched beyond its yield point to increase its length and decrease its thickness, the transverse cross-section being transverse to the stretching direction, and said film being substantially uniformly relaxed across ~~its~~ the transverse cross-section ~~transverse to the stretching direction~~ by between 5 and 20% of ~~its~~ said plastic material film's total stretched length, and applying said plastics material film to be wrapped in at least one layer with at least sufficient applied further tension to form said wrapping envelope with an anaerobic atmosphere therewithin.

16. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 15, wherein the object is a bale of silage making material.

17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A method of making silage, including providing a bale of silage making material, forming a wrapping envelope about said bale utilising a partially relaxed plastics material film ~~pre-stretched before relaxation~~ with a decreased oxygen permeability uniformly across a transverse cross-section of said film, said film being pre-stretched beyond its yield point to increase its length and decrease its thickness, the transverse cross-section being transverse to the stretching direction, and said film being substantially uniformly relaxed across ~~its~~ the transverse cross-section ~~transverse to the stretching direction~~ by between 5 and 20% of ~~its~~ said film's total stretched length, and applying said plastics material film to be wrapped in at least one overlapping layer to form said wrapping envelope with an anaerobic atmosphere therewithin.

19. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 18, wherein the plastics material film is applied to said bale with at least sufficient tension to form said wrapping envelope with an anaerobic atmosphere therewithin.

20. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 19, wherein said plastics material film undergoes a secondary stretch after being at least partially relaxed, and thereafter applying said plastics material film to be wrapped in at least one layer about said bale to form said wrapping envelope with an anaerobic atmosphere therewithin.

21. (original) A method according to Claim 20, wherein said secondary stretch occurs prior to the film being applied to said bale.

22. (original) A method according to Claim 20, wherein said secondary stretch occurs as the film is applied to said bale.

23. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 20, wherein the secondary stretch is beyond the level of the initial stretching of said film.

24. (previously presented) A method according to Claim 20, wherein the secondary stretch is less than the level of the initial stretching of said film.

25. (cancelled)

26. (currently amended) A plastics material film that has a decreased oxygen permeability uniformly across a transverse cross-section of said film, that is for forming an anaerobic wrapping envelope, and that has first been stretched beyond its yield point to increase its length and reduce its thickness, the transverse cross-section being transverse to the stretching direction, and said film being partially relaxed substantially uniformly across ~~its~~ the transverse

cross-section ~~transverse to the stretching direction~~ by between 5 and 20% of ~~its~~said film's total stretched length.

27. (currently amended) An anaerobic wrapping envelope including at least one layer of overlapping plastics material film having a decreased oxygen permeability uniformly across a transverse cross-section of said film, said film having been stretched beyond its yield point to increase its length and reduce its thickness, the transverse cross-section being transverse to the stretching direction, and said film being partially relaxed substantially uniformly across ~~its~~ the transverse cross-section ~~transverse to the stretching direction~~ by between 5 and 20% of ~~its~~said film's total stretched length before being configured to form said anaerobic wrapping envelope.

28. (cancelled)